

SECURITY INFORMATION

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REPORT

TOPIC Altenburg Airfield

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REMARKS

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28 August. Between 11 a.m. and noon, there was no air activity. Twenty-three jet fighters were parked in the northern section of the landing field.

29 August. Twelve jet fighters flew over Altenburg coming from the direction of the field.

30 August. Four jet fighters flying in echelon to the left were observed over Altenburg.

1 September. At 10:40 a.m., one biplane took off from the field heading west. Between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., 21 jet fighters and one IL-12 plane were counted at the field.

5 September. A single-engine fighter took off at 10:20 a.m. and landed at 10:32 a.m. It again took off at 10:38 a.m. and headed west. Between 10:30 and 11 a.m., 22 jet fighters, 1 single-engine fighter and 1 IL-12 plane were counted at the field.

7 September. At 11:47 a.m., 4 jet fighters in echelon flew over Altenburg.

9 September. Between 10 and 10:30 a.m., maintenance work was being done on all the parked jet fighters. The engines of some planes were being started. Thirty jet fighters were counted at the field.

10 September. Between 8:45 p.m. and midnight, there was air activity. Conventional fighters. One plane landed at 2:22 a.m.

11 September. No air activity was observed. One IL-12, 2 conventional fighters and 1 jet fighters were counted at the field. \*

2. On 28 August, 13 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were erecting a high board fence along the southern edge of the field. The southeastern field border was partially marked by wooden poles put into the ground. On 12 September, 18 men worked on a fence. The Oberlaupten Settlement was being surrounded by a board fence, while the other portion of the fence consisted of barbed wire. \*

3. On 9 September, 50 to 60 men fired with live ammunition at two targets on the target range at the southeastern edge of the field. Two companies of 150 men each were drilling on the landing field. About 80 men were engaged in athletics.

4. Motor vehicles observed entering and leaving the field included trucks [ ]

[ ] and sedans [ ]

driven by a soldier wearing black bordered blue epaulets. Two epaulets, one belonging to a soldier and the other to an air force officer were found at the field. [ ]

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5. After 9 September, jet fighters were involved in night flying in the area around Altenburg.

25X1 \* Comment. Altenburg airfield is occupied by a fighter regiment, elements of which are probably stationed at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield. On 9 September, the planes were probably stationed in Altenburg for a short time.

25X1 \*\* Comment. The sections of the field which can easily be observed by guards are probably surrounded only by a barbed wire fence while the field border along settlements or roads are probably protected by a board fence. It is believed that the fence does not surround Oberleupthen but that it extends only between the village and the field.

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